

Resource Management and Climate Protection Task Force
Minutes from the 6/17/10 Meeting

Next meeting: July 15, 2010, 3-5 pm

County offices, 555 County Center, 5th Floor, Redwood City

In attendance:

Kari Binley, Sustainable San Mateo County
Bob Cormia, Sustainable Silicon Valley
Kathleen Gallagher, CSG/City of Menlo Park
Pedro Gonzalez, South San Francisco City Council*
Deborah Gordon, Woodside Town Council*
Maryann Moise Derwin, Portola Valley Town Council*
Carole Groom, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors*
Brian Kimball, Ecology Action
Richard Napier, C/CAG
Alexis Petru, San Mateo County RecycleWorks (staff)
Barbara Pierce, RMCP Chair; Redwood City Council*
Sepi Richardson, Brisbane City Council*
Kim Springer, San Mateo County RecycleWorks (staff)
Juda Tolmasoff, Aide to Supervisor Carole Groom

Not in attendance:

Kathy Lavezzo, PG&E
Nicole Sandkulla, BAWSCA
Eric Sevim, A+ Japanese Auto Repair

*=Voting member

1) Introductions

2) Public Comment: There were no public comments.

3) Approval of Minutes: The committee approved March's meeting minutes: Gonzalez/Pierce.

4) Update on Energy Section of the San Mateo County Energy Strategy (Kim Springer): The Energy Strategy was intended to be a base document that will be updated periodically with new information and resources. Richard Napier suggested that the Energy Strategy update have a format similar to C/CAG's annual report.

The committee reviewed the Energy section, including its two strategies – making energy-efficiency standard practice and locating clean sources of energy. Suggestions for the Energy Strategy update include: update on the Energy Watch and Energy Upgrade programs, report on PG&E Smart Meter program, tying energy goal to a date (Cool Mayors or AB32), report on per-capita energy usage by city, update on greenhouse gas

inventories, update on Energy Strategy adoption by every city and other collaborations, update on cities' environmental staffing (every city now has a staff person assigned to environmental/climate action issues as at least part of their duties), update on Green Building ordinance working group and funding issues, leverage Sustainable San Mateo County Indicators Report, highlight several case studies of successful programs and report on total solar installations in the county (in SSMC Indicators Report).

The committee agreed that staff should follow the current structure of the Energy Strategy in the updated Strategy – Energy, Water, Collaboration, etc. – and provide updates on the goals and strategies. The update will report energy savings data in kilowatt-hours and therms, as well as greenhouse gas emissions and carbon equivalencies (trees planted, cars removed, etc.). The audience for the update will be elected officials. Based on this meeting's discussion, Kim and Alexis will provide an outline of the Energy section at the next meeting.

5) Climate Action Plan Template and Tool Effort: (Richard Napier/Kim Springer): C/CAG has secured \$50,000 from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to help fund a climate action plan template and tool for San Mateo County cities. C/CAG will provide \$50,000 in matching funds and is looking for other resources to bring to this effort (through PG&E, ABAG, grants, etc.). The Air District's funding will cover the costs to develop the template and complete at least two cities' plans.

A group of city staff has been working since January to develop a template that cities in San Mateo County can use to develop their climate action plans. Air District and C/CAG funding will pay for a consultant to facilitate the process of developing a climate action plan template with city staff, as well as a forecasting and calculations tool to assist cities in evaluating programs to include in their climate action plans.

Five cities in the county have completed their climate action plans. Most small cities in San Mateo County have limited staff and funds to put towards completing their climate action plan. C/CAG is working with cities to find a simplified, affordable way to develop climate action plans for the remaining cities.

6) San Mateo County Energy Watch Reporting Tools (Alexis Petru): Staff presented line graphs that show Energy Watch's progress towards its energy-saving goals: actual energy savings achieved (projects completed and rebates paid), energy savings in the "pipeline" (project agreements signed, but not completed) and energy savings goals. The committee gave staff feedback on how to better present the information, including clarifying the time line, and staff will bring the chart back to the committee at the next meeting.

Sepi Richardson said that she would like to discuss how the committee will get involved in transportation at a future meeting.

7) Committee Updates:

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Kim Springer: informed the committee that they will soon vote on a new Chair and Co-Chair.

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